

BROOKLYN GIRL KILLS HER YOUNG BROTHER; COURT PAROLES HER

Housekeeper Declares Florence Bartine Got the Youth's Revolver After They Had Quarrelled and He Had Slapped Her.

Harold Bartine, seventeen years old, was shot and killed by his nineteen-year-old sister Florence at their home, No. 660 Kosciusko street, Brooklyn, to-day. The shooting followed a family quarrel, but the evidence gathered after the first disconnected stories told by the witnesses tend to show that the girl did not know the revolver was loaded.

After arraignment in Gates Avenue Court this afternoon, Florence Bartine, with her younger sister, May, and Alice Campbell, eighteen years old, who acted as housekeeper for William Bartine, the head of the family, were taken down to the office of the District-Attorney and questioned. None who heard all the stories doubted that the shooting was in a way accidental.

The girl was taken, by direction of Assistant District-Attorney Elder, before Justice Blackman. He paroled her in the custody of Miss Tietgen, probation officer of the Gates Avenue Police Court, for arraignment in that court next Monday.

The Bartine children are motherless. There were three of them before the tragedy of to-day—Florence, Harold and May, who is thirteen years old. Bartine recently employed Alice Campbell, a very good looking girl, to take care of the house.

Harold has been out of work recently. He is in the habit of teasing his sister, according to the story told by Alice Campbell. He was the owner of a revolver, and the Campbell girl says that Harold and Florence on several occasions chased each other through the flat with this weapon.

Slapped Sister's Face. The three Bartine children and Alice Campbell sat down to dinner at noon to-day in the dining room of the apartment. It is agreed that Harold twitted his sister, Florence, who is a remarkably pretty blonde, about her inferiority in looks as compared with Alice Campbell. The Campbell girl says that the argument grew so warm that Harold rushed over to his sister and slapped her face.

Florence Bartine said just after the shooting that her brother did not strike her, and that while the argument was spirited, neither she nor Harold became angry. She admits leaving the table, going to Harold's room and getting his revolver from a drawer in a dresser.

Alice Campbell insists that Florence ran into the dining room, pointed the revolver at Harold and pulled the trigger. Florence, who declares she did not know the revolver was loaded, was aiming the pistol, but without intent to fire it.

There is no dispute about the fact that the bullet went into Harold's head by way of the right temple and pierced his brain. He slid from his chair to the floor and lay there inert.

For a moment the girls looked at each other in horror. Then Alice Campbell and May Bartine fled shrieking from the room, while Florence ran to her brother's side, lifted his head and implored him to speak to her.

Dies in Her Arms. The boy died as his sister held him in her arms. A policeman, summoned by the other two witnesses of the tragedy, found Florence hysterically weeping over her brother's body. She insisted that he could not be dead and at her request the policeman sent for an ambulance. The surgeon saw at the first glance that the case was beyond all human interference.

The policeman took the three girls to the Ralph Avenue police station. They were questioned separately. Alice Campbell's story prompted the commander of the precinct to hold the Bartine girls as material witnesses. Alice Campbell was not placed under restraint, but she volunteered to remain at the station-house.

Florence Bartine, in ignorance of the facts of the case, was taken to the station-house. She was arraigned in Gates Avenue Police Court at 2 o'clock this afternoon. In the mean time the body of Harold Bartine had been in the custody of neighbors awaiting the arrival of the coroner.

Girl Near a Collapse. When arraigned in the police court Florence Bartine was on the verge of collapse. She changed her story to Magistrate O'Reilly, when he questioned her, to the extent of admitting that she pointed the pistol at her brother, but she insisted she did not know it was loaded.

"Harold was going to Denver," she said, "and bought the revolver because he thought it would be necessary out there. We had been fooling with it an hour or so for several days."

May Bartine said she saw her brother cleaning the revolver this morning. It is the supposition that he loaded it at that time, but it is regarded as strange that he did not mention the fact to his sister when he saw her pointing the weapon at him.

Magistrate O'Reilly held the girl on a charge of homicide. He said he preferred her never will be punished, for has not the District-Attorney taken him into partnership?

Mr. Baldwin then made his way to the Criminal Branch of the Supreme Court. He said he expected the District-Attorney would produce his clients before

Girl Who Killed Her Brother, and Housekeeper at Their Home

(Photographed to-day especially for The Evening World.)



FLORENCE BARTINE
ALICE CAMPBELL

JURY TAKES ONE MINUTE TO FIND NEGRO GUILTY.

Then He Is Sentenced to Nineteen Years in Sing Sing for Assault on Little Girl.

It took a jury just one minute to-day in Part III of General Sessions to convict Blackburn J. Strother, a twenty-four-year-old negro of No. 41 West One Hundred and Thirty-third street, of criminal assault.

The evidence showed that he lured a young girl, Ida Krasnik, of No. 140 Park Avenue, into an upper hallway of an apartment house in East Ninety-ninth street, where he was employed as an elevator attendant.

When Judge Foster had finished his charge the twelve jurors marched outside the courtroom, took a quick vote in the corridor and came back with a verdict of guilty.

"You are lucky that you live in the North," said Judge Foster, in sentencing the man. "There are sections of the South where you would have been lynched, and in almost any State of the South legal hanging would have been your punishment."

Then he gave Strother nineteen years and six months at hard labor in Sing Sing, the maximum penalty being twenty years.

FIELD'S TRIAL GOES ON.

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Clark was under cross-examination the greater part of the day. Lawyer Marshall announced that the chief line of defense would be the impeaching of the character of the men that District-Attorney had called to his aid in prosecuting Field.

BURNED ON THIRD RAIL.

Electrician Drops Tool and Makes Short Circuit.

Charles Hanson, an electrician, of No. 14 Russell street, Woodhaven, L. I., was severely burned about the face and hands this afternoon by a short circuit on the "B" tracks of the Brooklyn Bridge.

Hanson was at work near the New York tower repairing wires that run along the poles on the side of the tracks and a tool fell from his hand. It came in contact with the third rail and the brilliant electric spark that followed attracted the attention of Policeman Hogan of the Bridge Strand. Hogan called an ambulance from the Volunteer Hospital and Dr. Savage responded. He treated Hanson and the letter left for home.

BLASTS HER NAME, BUT MAY NOT SAVE MAN FROM PRISON

Chicago Prosecutor Says That Woman's Sacrifice for Doctor Will Be in Vain.

"LOOKS LIKE FRAME UP." But Clemenson, Convicted of Murder, Hopes for New Trial Through Mrs. Schmidt.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 21.—"My wife is making a useless sacrifice; I am sure nothing she can do now will save Dr. Clemenson."

James Schmidt, twenty-two years old, husband of the woman who has gone to Chicago in an effort to save Dr. Haidane Clemenson from the penitentiary, declared to-day that although he thought she had disgraced him, he expected to take her back. Mrs. Schmidt has confessed, her husband says, that she was with Dr. Clemenson during the night the physician is charged with having poisoned his wife.

"I never knew Dr. Clemenson," said Schmidt to-day, "and the first intimation I had of the affair was when word came from Chicago that my wife had signed the confession. Then she told me that during our separation, in 1909, she was in Chicago with Clemenson. She declared she would go to Chicago and lay the facts before the Court. I commanded her not to go, but when I returned home last night I found that she had gone."

Cannot Save Him. Schmidt declared his wife acted on her own responsibility after Dr. Clemenson had refused to permit her to testify at his trial.

CHICAGO, April 21.—Although Mrs. Anna Schmidt left St. Louis last night to come to Chicago, according to St. Louis advices, in an effort to save Dr. Haidane Clemenson, she cannot be located to-day. She has not visited Clemenson, his parents or his attorneys. The State's Attorney's office gives little credence to the woman's story.

"It cannot save Clemenson," said Assistant State's Attorney Northrup, "even if it is true, which I doubt. It looks like a 'frame-up' to me. There have been numerous cases of this kind before in the courts, but I do not recall a single instance where they have saved the prisoners."

Clemenson Talks. Despite the attitude taken by the State's Attorney's office, however, Clemenson in the Cook County Jail to-day declared he was sure the woman's testimony would clear him of the charge of killing his wife.

"Mrs. Schmidt's story," he said, "choosing his words carefully, 'is unfortunately true. But I should never have unsealed my lips. I felt it was the part of an honorable man to remain silent. As to the details of the night, Mrs. Schmidt will tell them. When she does the world will not condemn her, nor be so harsh in its judgment as it has. She was not guilty of anything so criminal as her own story would indicate."

"I never was guilty of the crime charged, and I relied upon the weight of my own innocence to save me and convince the jury and public that I was innocent. The State showed that I had been guilty of intrigues with women, and it was prejudice, not evidence, that convicted me. I expected to be acquitted, but I was resolved that, no matter what the consequences might be, I would never have sacrificed Mrs. Schmidt's reputation. I perjured myself like a man, I think; not even death would have unsealed my lips."

Clemenson's attorneys will make an immediate effort to secure a new trial. "You are lucky that you live in the North," said Judge Foster, in sentencing the man. "There are sections of the South where you would have been lynched, and in almost any State of the South legal hanging would have been your punishment."

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were still in the office at 8 o'clock, when Harver returned. "They left the office, Harver thinks, at 4:30 in the morning. Mrs. Schmidt says Dr. Clemenson then took her home and boarded an elevated train at Laville street for his home in Rogers Park. I have an affidavit from an L. conductor who saw Clemenson leave the train at 4:15 the morning of the murder.

"These facts prove to my mind that Clemenson could not possibly have committed the murder, but that Mrs. Clemenson killed herself, and that the doctor preferred death to involving the other woman."

No playwright or novelist ever fashioned a story more tragic than the one revealed in this city yesterday when Mrs. James Schmidt voluntarily confessed to having been with Dr. Haidane Clemenson of Chicago practically all of the night on which his wife was slain. Mrs. Schmidt deliberately sacrificed her good name to save the physician from life imprisonment. He had been convicted of murdering his wife, and Mrs. Schmidt believes that the alibi which she will thus establish will clear him of the charge.

Refused to Name Woman. Dr. Clemenson had positively refused to incriminate the woman to save himself and his character and devotion prompted her to come forward with her confession. She had frequently written him, she says, asking that he tell where he was the night on which his wife was slain, but he refused to do so.

Though Mrs. Schmidt's husband was surrounded by her relatives, he sought her out last night and assured her that the nobility of character which prompted her to blast her reputation to save another had moved him to complete forgiveness. She also has the forgiveness of her mother, and the two will aid her in her terrible ordeal.

The sentence of life imprisonment was imposed on Dr. Clemenson on Wednesday in Chicago. He had been convicted on circumstantial evidence, but the case made out by the State was strong. When told of Mrs. Schmidt's confession he said he was sorry she had made it, but admitted its truth, and declared it would now be possible for him to prove that he was away from his home when his wife was murdered.

Mrs. Clemenson was found dead in her apartment in Rogers Park about two years ago. The physician reported the discovery of the body, and said he had awakened to discover his wife dead at his side. He said that they had both been chloroformed during the night by burglars. This story did not satisfy the police, and he was arrested. He persisted in maintaining it during the trial, but there were so many inexplicable features about the case that he was speedily convicted.

The real fact now seems to be that Dr. Clemenson returned home to find his wife dead. Realizing that it would be necessary for him to implicate Mrs. Schmidt if he attempted to prove an alibi, he invented the burglary story in the hope that it would be believed, and stuck to it to the end.

In a statement for publication to-day Mrs. Schmidt said: "I had known Dr. Clemenson five months. My husband and I disagreed over a trivial matter and I had gone to Chicago to live with a relative. It was there I met Dr. Clemenson. Any man who thinks as much as he does of a woman's good name cannot be bad. I did not know Mrs. Clemenson. I only know that they, the doctor and his wife, were not congenial and that he sought the society of others."

Doesn't Ask Sympathy. "I am not trying to palliate his shortcomings nor mine. We did wrong and we have been and are being punished. God, it was hard to say the words that might take me from the love of my parents and the respect of my family. But when a man would face death on the gallows or a life in the penitentiary because of his chivalry for a woman, I could not but be moved. I made the only sacrifice in my power and surrender my life, the good name that I had always heretofore borne, so I made the confession."

"After Dr. Clemenson had repeatedly declined to consent for me to testify, even after his conviction, I determined to act on my own responsibility. I went personally to the judge that presided at his trial and I told him all."

Thinks Case a Suicide. Ex-Judge Ute, who has known Clemenson for thirty-four years, said to-day: "I have an affidavit from Mrs. Schmidt in which she admits that by appointment she went to Dr. Clemenson's office at 8 o'clock on the night of the murder," he said. "Dr. Harver, who had an office with Clemenson, was there when Clemenson came in at 8:30. Harver left them there. Clemenson was drinking at the time. Both Mrs. Schmidt and Harver have taken affidavits that Clemenson and Mrs. Schmidt

CONCEDES VICTORY OF MRS. SCOTT IN D. A. R. ELECTION

Mrs. Story's Aide Admits Return of President-General, but Vote Not Announced.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—The re-election of Mrs. Matthew T. Scott of Illinois as President-General of the D. A. R. by a small majority was conceded this afternoon by Miss Elizabeth Poe, press agent for Mrs. William Cummins Story of New York, who opposed Mrs. Scott.

The Daughters of the American Revolution awaited with impatient interest to-day an announcement of the results of yesterday's election. Tellers were at work all night counting the votes and were still at it this afternoon and having a lively time. They were seated in a room on the third floor of the Continental Hall, while the rival factions thronged the corridors eagerly awaiting the result.

Both sides were claiming victory. The friends of Mrs. Matthew T. Scott of Illinois insisted that she had been re-elected President-General by an increased majority. Two years ago Mrs. Scott won by eight votes.

Many of the supporters of Mrs. William C. Story of New York, the "insurgent" candidate for President-General, declared to-day that the official count would find Mrs. Story the victor. The fight two years ago between these same candidates was so close that most of delegates preferred to await the official announcement before accepting any of the rumors which began as soon as the polls closed and continued throughout the night.

BROOKLYN YACHT CLUB TO BECOME THE NATIONAL.

Directors Approve Plan to Change Name—Aeroplane to Race Motor Boats.

The question of changing the name of the Brooklyn Yacht Club came up at a meeting of the directors held in the home of the Commodore, M. R. Hearst, to-day, and the change met with approval. Final action will be taken at a general meeting on May 1.

In addition to the races which have already been announced arrangements have been made with Glenn H. Curtiss to introduce the aeroplane in yachting. Mrs. Curtiss having offered to race against the motor-boats. Ten entries were announced for the motor-boat race to be held on May 1.

Commodore Hearst has the following appointments: William P. Higgins, Fleet Captain; Dr. John A. Voorn, Fleet Surgeon; and the Rev. John A. Lane, Fleet Chaplain.

DOCTOR DIES OF OVERDOSE.

Dr. Charles J. Lynch, forty-one years old, died at his home, No. 69 West Ninety-second street, this afternoon from an overdose of paralytic which he took last night to quiet his nerves and produce sleep. He lived with his mother and brothers and was found unconscious in his room to-day.

The coroner will make an investigation.

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HARMON'S PRESIDENTIAL BOOM GETS REAL START.

Ohio Democrats Form Organization to Push Candidacy of the Governor.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—An organization to boost Gov. Harmon for the Democratic Presidential nomination was formed at a meeting of the Democratic members of the Ohio Congressional delegation in Senator Pomeroy's room to-day.

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